

# A Father Every Family Needs

"First Aid For The Family", Part 6 of 6  
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## What Makes A Father Someone We Need?

### I) THEY \_\_PRACTICALLY TEACH\_\_ THEIR CHILDREN

*"Fathers, do no exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."* (Ephesians 6:4, NIV)

*"For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory."* (1 Thessalonians 2:11-12, NIV)

### II) THEY \_\_PROACTIVELY LOVE\_\_ THEIR WIFE

*"Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers."* (1 Peter 3:7, NIV)

*"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church-- for we are members of his body."* (Ephesians 5:25-30, NIV)

### III) THEY \_\_PROTECTIVELY LEAD\_\_ THEIR FAMILY

*"He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect."* (1 Timothy 3:4-5, NIV)

*"Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness... But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."* (Joshua 24:14-15, NIV)

### IV) THEY \_\_PASS ALONG\_\_ THEIR CHARACTER

*"Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more."* (1 Thessalonians 4:1, NIV)

*"It is a wonderful heritage to have an honest father."* (Proverbs 20:7, LB)

*"Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children."* (Proverbs 17:6, NIV)